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August 22, 2008

*The court is adjourned,  
 action is ex parte,  
 to Sep. 3, 2008,  
 at 10:30 a.m.*

*8-21-08*

*Richard J. Blanche*

**Via Facsimile**

Hon. Alvin K. Hellerstein  
 United States District Judge  
 Southern District of New York  
 500 Pearl Street Room 1050  
 New York, NY 10007

United States v. Angel Morales, et al.  
 07 Cr. 897 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

The next pre-trial conference in this case is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. The parties have discussed a disposition, and expect to have completed our discussions by early September. In addition, the Government will be out of the office on August 26, 2008. For these reasons, the Government respectfully requests that the conference scheduled for August 26, 2008, be adjourned until the first or second week of September.

The Government respectfully requests that the Court exclude time from today until the date set for the initial pre-trial conference, pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8)(A). The ends of justice served by such continuance outweigh the interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial because the continuance will allow the Government to discuss a possible disposition of this matter with defense counsel. Defense counsel consents to this request for the exclusion of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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